



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re : Manfredi et al.

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Title : METHOD OF DETECTING
EXTRACELLULAR PROTEIN-
PROTEIN INTERACTIONS

Examiner:
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

September 16, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.115 regarding preliminary amendments, please enter the following amendments to the above application.

In the title, please delete the word "EXTRACELLULAR" so that the title reads as follows:

METHOD OF DETECTING PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTIONS

In the Claims, please delete the existing claims and replace them with the following new set of claims:

1. (New) A method for detecting protein-protein interaction between a first test polypeptide and a second test polypeptide, comprising:
introducing into a host cell a first chimeric gene and a second chimeric gene, said first chimeric gene encoding a first fusion protein having said first test polypeptide, an N-intein,